

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DISTRICT COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

RONALD SHAMON and PATRICIA SHAMON,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) Docket No. 04cv11674-WGY
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Defendant.)

DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3)

Defendant hereby certifies, pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3), that it has conferred with counsel on the following:

1. establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course, and various alternatives, of this litigation; and,
2. to consider the resolution of litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

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